

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6, and 15 have been canceled. Applicants amend pending claims 2-3, 5, 7-14 for further clarification, and refer to Fig. 6 and its corresponding description in the specification for an exemplary embodiment of and support for the claimed invention. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 35 CFR § 1.83(a) for allegedly not showing every feature of the invention recited in the claims.

In particular, the Examiner contended that the “network management operation device” recited in claim 9 is not illustrated in the figures. Applicants refer the Examiner to Figs. 17A and 17B for an exemplary embodiment of the claimed feature of a label being assigned “according to an operation of a network management operation device.” (Emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that the 37 CFR § 1.83(a) requirements flow from 35 U.S.C. § 113, which is limited to features that are required to understanding the claimed invention:

“The applicant shall furnish a drawing *where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented.*”
(Emphasis added)

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Figs. 17A and 17B meet the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.83(a) in providing illustrations essential for a proper understanding of the invention by one skilled in the art, and request that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

The Examiner objected to claims 2-3, 5, and 7-14 for apparent informalities; and correspondingly, claims 2-3, 5, and 7-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

Applicants amend claims 2-3, 5, and 7-14 to clearly recite the features of the claimed invention, and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection and § 112, ¶ 2 rejection.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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